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The Honorable Tom Murray
Chairman
House Post Office and Civil Service Committee
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17 July 1950, requesting our comments on H. R. 3384 as approved by the Subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

I wish to call your attention to the provisions of Section 102(c) of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253 - 80th Cong.) which reads as follows:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 555), or the provisions of any other law, the Director of Central Intelligence may, in his discretion, terminate the employment of any officer or employee of the Agency whenever he shall deem such termination necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States, but such termination shall not affect the right of such officer or employee to seek or accept employment in any other department or agency of the Government if declared eligible for such employment by the United States Civil Service Commission."

Because of the nature of the work of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Congress felt that the Director must have the unusual authority granted under Section 102(c) to terminate the employment of any officer or employee of the Agency whenever such action appeared to be necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States.

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Inasmuch as Section 1 of H. R. 3384 would limit the necessary authorities granted to this Agency under Section 102(c), we are opposed to it in any form which would not specifically exempt the Central Intelligence Agency from its provisions.

Section 2 of H. R. 3384 contains substantially the same provision as is presently before your committee in H. R. 3702. Our position on the latter bill was set forth in my letter to you of 20 June 1950, a copy of which is attached.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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